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DID RIP VAN WINKLE Live in Boone?

Campbell St. John May Have Been Original of Irving's Famous Character.

HE DIED TWO YEARS AGO

Author Probably Met Him on His Western Search for Story Material.

Who knows but that the original character of Rip Van Winkle was an old resident of Boone county? In appearance, actions and habits, the characterization by Joe Jefferson was almost identical with the life of Campbell St. John, who died two years ago at his home eight miles east of Columbia. He was 89 years old.

St. John was unique in his habits. He always wore a slouch coat and trousers that were fastened together by a wodden peg at the belt, a slouch black hat was pressed down far on his head. On his feet he wore a boot and a shoe. His face was smooth-shaven and striking in its features. His eyes were blue and twinkling and his expression perpetually careless and "happy-go-lucky." His only thought was of the present.

St. John must have attracted the attracted the attention of Washington Irving, who came through Boone county more than half a century ago. Irving was looking for material for his books and sketches. As St. John's mother was a Van Bibber of New York it is probable that Irving knew of him or his father there.

Many of the older residents of the county knew St. John as a backwoodsman who would come to town, sell his small products and then make merry in his own fashion. Some of his quaint jests are still remembered. His trips to town were looked forward to by some who had become interested in his eccentricities.

St. John had been married and his only son was killed in Custer's famous fight with the Indians. His loneliness may have been one cause of his lack of ambition or care. His life was a daily routine of "day-dreaming." filled in with occasional work to provide means of existence. But his character was as Jefferson portrays Rip Van Winkle "the Arcadian vagabond of the world of dreams."

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He is asked to be stakeholder, to decide bets, to furnish the world's record in the high jump, to change big bills, and to inform the questioner where he can buy a cheap meal.

"But it wouldn't be so bad." remarked the information man, "if some would-be joker of a University student, who looks innocent enough to be a visitor, didn't come along about this time and ask if Read hall wasn't the University library."

AT THE U. D. CLUB 200

Meals Served To Hungry High School

Pupils Last Night. More than 200 high school students ate their breakfast this morning and dinner last night at the University Dining Club. Twenty nine tables, eight scats to the table, were vacated by University of Missouri students for the high school visitors. Fifty more University students will vacate the club for luncheon today to accomodate the high school athletes. The visitors were shown how Tiger students could give college yells at the club. Last night yells were given for Missouri and several high schools, including the ones at "McBaine" and "Mores Switch."

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